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SUBJECT: JAPANESE AID TO LAOS

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1. REFTTEL PARA 7 NOTED JAPANESE REP (MOCHIZUKI) AT
FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPERATIONS FUND (FEOF) DONOR ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING 27TH NOVEMBER IN VIENTIANE SUGGESTED THAT
RENEWAL OF FEOF AGREEMENT AND STABILIZATION PROGRAM SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
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HE EXPECTED WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AFTER AN EARLY MEETING

(JANUARY) OF INDOCHINA AID DONORS SPONSORED BY IBRD, JAPANESE REP ALLUDED TO SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT AMONG DONORS AT PARIS MEETING (OCTOBER 17) FOR CALLING OF AN EARLY MEETING OF DONORS AND SUGGESTED SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE MIGHT RESULT.

2. ON BASIS OF OUR CONTACTS WITH IBRD OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE JAPANESE REP'S COMMENTS ON TIMING OF A DONORS MEETING AND HIS EXPECTATIONS OF LIKELY RESULTS TO BE UNDULY OPTIMISTIC, AND ARE CONCERNED THAT TYING CONSIDERATION OF CY-75 FEOF AGREEMENTS TO AID DONORS MEETING WILL RESULT IN UNNEEDED DELAY IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO FINANCE FEOF NEXT YEAR.

3.FOR VIENTIANE:MISSION MAY WISH TO INFORM MOCHIZUKI THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REALISTIC PROSPECT FOR JANUARY MEETING AND WE ARE ALSO VERY DOUBTFUL THAT THE MEETING, WHEN IT DOES TAKE PLACE, WILL BE A PLEDGING SESSION LIKELY TO RESULT IN PROMPTLY FORTHCOMING ASSISTANCE WHICH WOULD EASE FEOF NEEDS.

4. FOR TOKYO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASCERTAINING WHETHER OR NOT MOCHIZUKI REFLECTS GOJ'S EXPECTATIONS ON THE TIMING AND LIKELY RESULTS OF A DONOR'S MEETING.
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